

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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September 17, 1982

ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-132-82

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT FAMILY PLANNING RESPONSIBILITIES

REFERENCE:

This is to provide you with an update of County Welfare Department (CWD) related family planning service responsibilities, following the repeal of the Title XX Family Planning Services program, and to advise you of recent changes to Title IV-A AFDC family planning informing requirements.

Title XX, Social Services

As advised via All-County Information Notice I-133-81, October 16, 1981, Title XX social services funding reductions resulting from the Federal Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1981 forced the repeal of several Title XX services programs, including the former Family Planning Services program. Withdrawal of these programs from the spectrum of Title XX social services was necessary to permit the concentration of limited resources in the delivery of high priority, critical, protective services for which SDSS maintains exclusive responsibility.

Family planning services, however, will continue to be offered through the community provider network maintained by the State Department of Health Services (DHS), Office of Family Planning as part of its overall statewide responsibility for promotion and coordination of family planning efforts; and, since SDSS strongly supports linking CWD clients with appropriate family planning services, CWDs are urged to commit sufficient resources to family planning referral activities under the Title XX Information and Referral Services program (I&R) to ensure that quality family planning services will be provided. Accordingly, you may wish to order a recently updated Office of Family Planning statewide "Directory of Family Planning Service Agencies", containing a listing of local providers and services offered, as well as pertinent information concerning family planning activities. A directory order form is attached.

In addition, the SDSS family planning pamphlet (PUB-25), "Family Planning, You Choose When to Have Children and How Many" will be available only until the existing stock is exhausted. Thereafter, CWDs may contact local county health departments for information on suitable family planning informational pamphlets which can be provided to CWDs for distribution to clients. The remaining stock of the four-page SDSS PUB-25 is available at no charge. Inventory and ordering instructions are provided for your information:

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Language</u>	<u>Ordering Instructions:</u>
13,000	English	Complete Form GEN 727 "B"
17,000	Spanish	Send to: SDSS Warehouse
2,000	Vietnamese	P.O. Box 22429
23,000	Chinese	Sacramento, CA 95822-3799

Title IV-A, AFDC

The requirement to provide AFDC applicants/recipients with information concerning the availability of family planning services remains a condition to receive federal funding under Title IV-A of the Social Security Act. In order to comply with the federal requirement, the Income Maintenance division of the CWD should assure that all AFDC applicants/recipients are informed of the availability of family planning services and where such services may be obtained.

The department is in the process of developing regulations to specify the Income Maintenance requirements for family planning under Title IV-A. In the meantime, it is recommended that you follow the procedures outlined below:

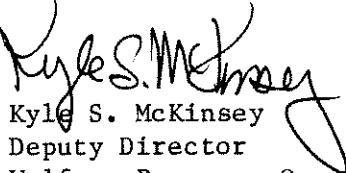
1. The CWD shall provide to all AFDC applicants/recipients information and referral for family planning services which enables parents and potential parents to make an informed and free choice with respect to limiting family size and spacing children.
2. The CWD shall designate Income Maintenance personnel who shall:
 - (a) Be generally knowledgeable in the area of family planning.
 - (b) Be responsible for the coordination of family planning services activities within the CWD and with family planning resources outside of the CWD.
3. The CWD shall display in waiting rooms and make available to AFDC applicants/recipients, copies of notices, pamphlets and other written materials which contain information concerning the availability of family planning services.


4. The CWD may coordinate with Information and Referral Services program for the dissemination of information and the referral to available community resources that provide family planning services.
5. The CWD shall insure that written notice of the availability of family planning services is sent to all AFDC recipient families upon termination of AFDC benefits.

To comply with the above procedures, the CWD may elect to provide both the information and referral at the time of application and at the redetermination of eligibility. The CWD may elect to refer the applicant/recipient to the Information and Referral Services program for the purpose of obtaining the information and other specific details as to where necessary services may be found. When the CWD elects to make the information available and to make the referral for family planning services, the Income Maintenance Eligibility Worker (EW) should note on the Statement of Facts (CA 2) that information was provided and the date the referral was made. When the CWD elects to use the Information and Referral Services Program, the EW should note on the CA 2 that the applicant/recipient was referred to the Information and Referral Services program and the date of the referral.

From July 1, 1979, the Department had required the CWD to mail to all AFDC recipients a pamphlet on family planning (ACL 79-28, dated May 4, 1979). Because of the repeal of family planning services funded under Title XX (ACIN I-133-81, dated October 16, 1981) the once a year mailing was eliminated. This mailing will not be a component of family planning services funded under Title IV-A.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact your AFDC Management Consultant at (916) 445-4458 or your Adult Services Program Operations Consultant at (916) 445-8724.


 Kyle S. McKinsey
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cc: CWDA
 Department of Health Services
 Office of Family Planning

DIRECTORY ORDER FORM

Date: _____

To: Department of Health Services
Office of Family Planning
Att: Directory
714 P Street, Room 398
Sacramento, CA 95814

Please send _____ copies of the Family Planning Services Agency Directory 1981 to:

Name of Person Requesting Copies

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Business Telephone